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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7410

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 1163

ATHENS AND BEIRUT FOR RSO

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP CY

SUBJECT: BODYGUARDS FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 90771

1. APPRECIATE DECISION TO SEND RSO KASTENS FOR CONSULTATION. HE HAS BEEN HERE, STUDIED PROBLEM, AND CONCURS IN FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. AS TO PARA 4 REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT IT NOT NECESSARY TO SEND FULL COMPLEMENT OF RSO AND SPECIAL MARINES ON TDY, FOR FINAL WEEKS AMB POPPER'S TIME IN CYPRUS. WE DO, HOWEVER, RECOMMEND THAT ONE MARINE OR (IF NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SUPERVISORY SKILL, AN RSO) BE SENT ON TDY. NCOIC OF MSG HAS BEEN SUPERVISIONG LOCAL BODYGUARDS ON ADHOC BASIS, AND HE OR OTHER MEMBER OF MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT NORMALLY ACCOMPANIES AMBASSADOR ON EVERY EXIST FROM EMBASSY. WHILE NCOIC HAS BORNE THIS EXTRA DUTY CHEERFULLY, IT HAS IMPOSED VERY LONG HOURS ON HIM, AS WELL AS ON ASSISTANT NCOIC AND SENIOR WATCH-STANDING MSG. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE SOME RELIEF FOR THME BY HAVING ONE MORE EXPERIENCED MARINE AVAILABLE TO TAKE OVER THIS FUNCTION.

3. NOTE THAT ABOVE RECOMMENDATION WILL NECESSARILY
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DEFER TIME WHEN FULL AMERICAN BODY GUARD PROTECTION WILL
BECOME AVAILABLE FOR AMB POPPER'S SUCCESSOR. SUGGEST
DEPT CHECK OUR RECOMMENDATION WITH AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE
MCCLOSKEY.

4. WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORMALIZING
SECURITY PROTECTION WITH GOC, PER RECOMMENDATION PARA 5
REFTEL AND NICOSIA 1035.
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